

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 10/716,474 Confirmation No. 6873
Applicant : T. KIKUCHI et al.
Filed : November 20, 2003
Title : A CROSS-CONTAMINATION PREVENTION SYSTEM AND
AUTOMATIC ANALYZER WHICH EQUIP FOR IT
TC/AU : 3689
Examiner : H.M. Riviere
Docket No. : KAS-195
Customer No.: 24956

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Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of April 23, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.

A Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time and the appropriate fee accompany this paper.